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In re Application of:

Gonzalez et al.

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed February 20, 2009 and simultaneously with a petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment Accompanying RCE are filed subsequent to a Notice of Appeal filed April 17, 2009 and in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25 of this paper.